FOR EMPLOYEES WHO EARNED LESS THAN \$10,000

Card Form 1040A offers a simple way for employees receiving less than \$10,000 total income to file their 1960 U.S. income tax returns.

To use CARD Form 1040A follow these simple steps

- Read instructions below. See "Who May Use Form 1040A." If ineligible, use Form 1040W or Form 1040.
- 2 Fill out the copy on page 3. If you need help, you can ask questions by phone of any Internal Revenue Service office or come in for assistance.
- 3 Transfer answers from the copy to the card. Keep the copy for your records. If your name and address

are already printed and punched on the card form, please use this card as it will permit high-speed machine handling. Correct the name and address, if necessary.

A Sign the card and mail it together with your Withholding Statements (Forms W-2, Copy B) to your District Director of Internal Revenue.

WHO MUST FILE A TAX RETURN.—Every citizen or resident of the United States under 65 who had \$600 or more gross income; if 65 or over, \$1,200 or more.

WHO MAY USE FORM 1040A.—If your gross income was less than \$10,000 and consisted entirely of wages reported on Withholding Statements (Forms W-2) and not more than \$200 total of dividends, interest, and other wages not subject to withholding, you may use the card form. A husband and wife may file a joint return if their combined incomes do not exceed these limits.

WHO MAY NOT USE FORM 1040A.—File Form 1040W. or Form 1040 instead of Form 1040A if—

- (1) you had income from sources other than or in amounts larger than those stated above,
- (2) either husband or wife itemizes deductions,
- (3) you claim the tax status of head of household or surviving husband or wife,
- (4) you claim dividends received credit or retirement income credit,
- (5) you claim an exclusion for "Sick Pay" paid directly to you by your employer and this amount is included in the total wages shown on your Form W-2,
- (6) you claim deductions for travel, transportation, or "outside salesmen" expense (however, see instruction 8, page 2),
- you claim credit for payments on estimated tax or an overpayment from 1959,
- (8) you are a nonresident alien (file Form 1040B, Form 1040NB, or Form 1040NB-a).

WHEN TO FILE.—Please file as early as possible on or after January 1, 1961, but not later than April 15, 1961. WHERE TO FILE.—With the District Director of Internal Revenue for your district.

WHERE TO GET FORMS.—If you need a Form 1040 W or Form 1040, you can get one from any Internal Revenue office, and from most banks and post offices. Your employer will furnish you with a Withholding Statement (Form W-2).

HOW TO PAY.—Checks or money orders should be made payable to "Internal Revenue Service." You need not pay a balance of tax due of less than \$1.00, and a refund of less than \$1.00 will not be made unless you apply for it.

SIGNATURE.—You have not filed a valid return unless you sign it. Both husband and wife must sign a joint return.

COMPUTATION OF TAX ON FORM 1040A:

(1) If your income was less than \$5,000.—You may figure your own tax from the Tax Table on page 4, or you may have the Internal Revenue Service do it for you.

The Tax Table allows about 10% of your income as deductions which include charitable contributions, interest, taxes, losses, medical expenses, child care expenses, and certain miscellaneous deductions. If your deductions exceed 10% of your income, it will be to your advantage to use Form 1040 W or Form 1040 and itemize them.

(2) If your income was \$5,000 or more and less than \$10,000.—You must use the standard deduction and compute your own tax. A tax computation schedule is provided on page 3 to make this computation.

MARRIED COUPLE:

- (1) How to compute tax.—A husband and wife may file a joint return even though one had no income. To assure any benefits of the split-income provisions, they must file a joint return. Both husband and wife must sign a joint return. If your income was under \$5,000 and you choose to have the Internal Revenue Service figure your tax, it will be computed on the combined incomes or on the separate incomes, whichever results in the smaller tax or larger refund. If you figure your own tax, be sure to make both computations and enter the smaller tax or larger refund on your return.
- (2) How to prepare a joint return.—In a joint return you must include all income of both husband and wife. In the return heading, list both names and middle initials (for example: "John F. and Mary L. Doe"). Both must sign the return. A joint return may not be filed if either husband or wife was a nonresident alien at any time during the taxable year.
- (3) How to prepare a separate return.—In a separate return each must report his or her separate income and fill in a separate form. The "split income" provisions of the Federal tax law do not apply to separate returns of husband and wife.

DO YOU OWE A TAX BALANCE?—Under the pay-asyou-go system, your withholding tax and your final income tax should come out about even. This benefits both you and your Government. If you owe a balance on your 1960 return, you should consider changing your Withholding Exemption Certificate (Form W-4) or asking your employer to agree to a plan of additional withholding.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING FRONT OF FORM 1040A

If you are married and are filing a joint return as husband and wife, be sure to enter the first names and middle initials of yourself and your wife. For example: John F. and Mary L. Doe.

2 3 4 Enter your social security number and your wife's social security number even though she files a separate return and answer the questions.

Fill in the information from each of your 1960 With-

holding Statements, Forms W-2. If both husband and wife had wages, write "W" before name of each of wife's employers. If you had more than three employers, list the information on Form 2836 or on a separate statement, using the headings for item 5 and show the total of this statement in item 5. If you have lost a Withholding Statement, ask your employer for a new one. If you cannot furnish a statement, attach an explanation.

TWO OR MORE EMPLOYERS.—If a total of more than \$144.00 of social security (F. I. C. A.) tax was withheld from the wages of either you or your wife because one or both of you worked for more than one employer, you may claim the excess over \$144.00 as a credit against your income tax. For a joint return, figure the credit separately for husband and wife as follows:

a. Add up the social security (F. I. C. A.) tax withheld by all your employers from your wages in 1960.

b. Subtract \$144.00.

c. Enter the balance in the "Federal Income Tax Withheld" column of item 5 and write "F. I. C. A. tax" in the "Where Employed" column.

6 INTEREST, DIVIDENDS, AND OTHER WAGES.— Enter all other taxable income from interest, dividends, and wages not subject to withholding. Read the following instructions before completing this line—

a. INTEREST.—Taxable income from interest means all interest actually received or credited to your account. "Credited to your account" means that a bank, savings and loan association, etc., has added interest earnings to your account.

b. DIVIDENDS.—Taxable income from dividends means all dividends received except the first \$50 received from domestic corporations. This exclusion does not apply to so-called dividends received from mutual savings banks or saving (building) and loan associations on deposits or withdrawable accounts. If a joint return is filed and both husband and wife had dividend income, each is entitled at most to a \$50 exclusion and one may not use any

portion of the \$50 exclusion not used by the other. For example, if the husband had \$200 in dividends, and the wife had \$20, only \$70 may be excluded on a joint return.

c. WAGES NOT SUBJECT TO WITHHOLDING.— Enter all wages not included in item 5 whether or not you have received a Form W-2. An example of these wages are those paid to part-time workers on which the employer is not required to withhold income tax.

If the total of item 6 exceeds \$200, file a Form 1040.

Enter total of Federal income tax withheld and excess social security (F. I. C. A.) tax credit, if any.

(8) REIMBURSED EMPLOYEE EXPENSES

If you account to your employer for business expenses (or when you travel on business he gives you a flat allowance for subsistence and mileage of not more than \$15.00 per day and 12½ cents per mile), and he pays for them (either by advances or reimbursements or by allowing you to use a charge account), you may file Form 1040A without showing these amounts by simply checking the box in item 8 \boxed{V} on the front of Form 1040A. However, if your employer's payments are more than your expenses, you may not use Form 1040A; you must use Form 1040 W or Form 1040.

9 (1) (1) Computation of tax liability.

a. If your income was less than \$5,000.—You may figure your own tax from the Tax Table on page 4, or you may have the Internal Revenue Service do it for you. If you figure your own tax, complete items 10, and 11 or 12. If you have the Service figure your tax, you will be sent a bill for the balance due or a check for the refund.

b. If your income was \$5,000 or more and less than \$10,000.—You must compute your own tax and use the standard deduction of 10%. (If your itemized deductions are in excess of 10% of your total income, it will be to your advantage to use Form 1040W or Form 1040.) See page 3 for computation schedule.

Enter the tax liability from line 6 of the tax computation schedule as item 10 of Form 1040A. Keep the tax computation schedule for your records; do not attach it to your return. The Internal Revenue Service will verify the tax computation and adjust for any errors.

Any balance of tax shown to be due on item 11 must be paid in full when you file your return if \$1.00 or more.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING BACK OF FORM 1040A

Fill in this item to receive credit for your exemptions and for those of your wife. A taxpayer cannot claim his wife (husband) as an exemption if the wife (husband) filed a separate return for any purpose (for example, to obtain a refund of income tax withheld). Age and blindness are determined as of December 31, 1960.

Marital Status.—If married at the close of your taxable year, you are considered married for the entire year. If divorced or legally separated on or before the close of your year, you are considered single for the entire year. If your wife or husband died during the year, you are considered married for the year, and may file a joint return.

Fill in this schedule to receive credit for exemptions for your children, stepchildren, and other dependents. Each dependent must meet all of the following tests:

a. Received more than one-half of his or her support from you (or from wife or husband if a joint return is filed). Support includes all amounts used for the dependent's support whether contributed by the dependent or by others and whether such amounts are taxable income or nontaxable income such as social security, gifts, savings,

b. Received less than \$600 gross income. (This test does not apply to your children or stepchildren who are under 19 or who are students

for 5 calendar months of the year; however, you must provide over one-half of the child's support.)

c. Did not file a joint return with her husband (or his wife).
d. Was either a citizen or resident of the United States or a resident

a. Was either a citizen or resident of the United States or a resident of Canada, Mexico, the Republic of Panama, or the Canal Zone. (An alien child legally adopted by and living with a United States citizen abroad also qualifies as a citizen of the United States for this purpose.)

e. EITHER (1) for the entire year 1960 had your home as his principal place of abode and was a member of your household; OR (2) was related to you (or to husband or wife if a joint return is filed) in one of the following ways:

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*Includes a child who is a member of your household if placed with you by an authorized placement agency for legal adoption.

BIRTH OR DEATH OF DEPENDENT.—You can claim a full \$600 exemption for a dependent who was born or died during the year if the tests for claiming an exemption for such dependent are met for the part of the year during which he was alive.

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1960 TAX TABLE FOR INCOMES UNDER \$5,000

If your total income (item 9 on your return) is \$5,000 or more, use Tax Computation Schedule on page 3 instead of this Tax Table

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